Recent Indo-Nepal talks

186. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY:
SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indo-Nepal talks were held in February, 1990; and

(b) if so, what were the main features of the talks and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The talks covered a wide range of subjects of mutual interest: trade, transit, economic & industrial cooperation, security perceptions, treatment of each other's nationals etc. Progress was made towards a comprehensive solution of all outstanding problems. During the next round of official talks, work could begin on the documents that would comprise a broad framework of the close and age old Indo-Nepal relationship, and strengthen it on an enduring basis.

Talks with the Foreign Minister of Pakistan on Terrorists-Training Camps etc.

187. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the Foreign Minister of Pakistan had visited India and that the matter regarding training camps for terrorists in Pakistan was taken up with him;

(b) if so, what are the details of the talks held in this regard; and

(c) what other specific issues besides the problems in Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab were discussed and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Our concern at Pakistan's involvement in terrorist activities directed against India in Jammu & Kashmir was suitably conveyed to the Pakistan Foreign Minister. Their involvement was contrary to the letter and spirit of Shimla Agreement, and was not conducive to establishment of friendly, peaceful and harmonious relations between our two countries. It was also reiterated that Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India and any interference in our internal affairs would not be tolerated.

(c) During the visit, bilateral relations between the two countries was reviewed.

It was agreed that discussions would continue at all levels including the Defence, Home and Water Resources Secretaries to tackle pending issues and that the India-Pakistan Joint Commission would meet in the first half of 1990.

Assassination of Srinagar Doordarshan Director

188. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news that appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 14th February, 1990 that Director of Srinagar Doordarshan has been gunned down; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard and what steps Government have taken to protect the lives of public servants in the States?